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| In the Application of: | : | Docket No.: 5169-0011-1-i |
| Stephen C. Wardlaw | : | Date: May 30, 2006 |
| Serial No.: 10/733,542 | : | Group Art Unit: 2863 |
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TITLE: APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING QUALITY CONTROL
IN AN INSTRUMENT FOR MEDICAL ANALYSIS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed March 6, 2006, having a period for response set to expire on June 6, 2006.

Claims 1-3, 5, 8-10, 14 and 19-24 are pending. Claims 1-3, 5, 8-10, 14 and 19-24 are rejected.

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